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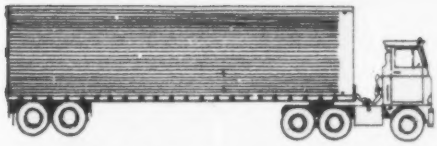

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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AUGUST TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage decreased 13.6 points (or -7.4 percent) during August, 1979, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index* was 169.7 for the month of August compared to 183.3 for the month of July. The index was 7.9 points (or 4.5 percent) lower than it was in August, 1978. The average month for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Economics Division monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change chain link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and the variations due to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, August tonnage increased 3.4 percent compared to July and decreased 4.6 percent compared to August of last year.

A comparison of the monthly truck tonnage index with four standard economic indicies is provided in the following tables.

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*PLEASE NOTE: These tonnage index figures are based on month-to-month percentage change figures. This chain link index is then adjusted seasonally and for trading days according to formulae supplied yearly by the Department of Commerce. For more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index see the ATA Department of Economics "Motor Carrier Special Report" of Spring 1977.

UNADJUSTED AUGUST TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	Carriers	Aug., 1979	Aug., 1978	Percent Change Aug., 1979 over Aug., 1978	July, 1979	Percent Change Aug., 1979 over July, 1979
New England	24	396,883	377,886	+ 5.0	347,912	+14.1
Middle Atlantic	44	1,253,354	1,205,380	+ 4.0	1,181,197	+ 6.1
Central	73	3,014,104	3,333,806	- 9.6	3,112,207	- 3.2
Southern	52	2,941,876	2,890,492	+ 1.8	2,855,729	+ 3.0
Northwestern	19	776,700	897,468	-13.5	727,722	+ 6.7
Midwestern	21	388,153	414,734	- 6.4	364,669	+ 6.4
Southwestern	18	1,234,471	1,221,088	+ 1.1	1,142,293	+ 8.1
Rocky Mountain	13	304,163	330,807	- 8.1	289,376	+ 5.1
Pacific	16	704,828	747,042	- 5.7	628,651	+12.1
Total	280	11,014,532	11,418,703	- 3.5	10,649,756	+ 3.4

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INDEX COMPARISONS (1967 = 100)

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Monthly Percent Change	Yearly Percent Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	169.7	183.3	177.6	-7.4	-4.5
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	178.7	172.8	187.4	+3.4	-4.6
Industrial Production Index[2] (adjusted)	150.9	152.6	148.0	-1.1	+2.0
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	298.1	296.1	269.0	+0.7	+10.8
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	217.3	215.8	195.6	+0.7	+11.1
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	221.1	218.9	197.8	+1.0	+11.8

[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly Whole Price Index).

[4]Goods and Services.